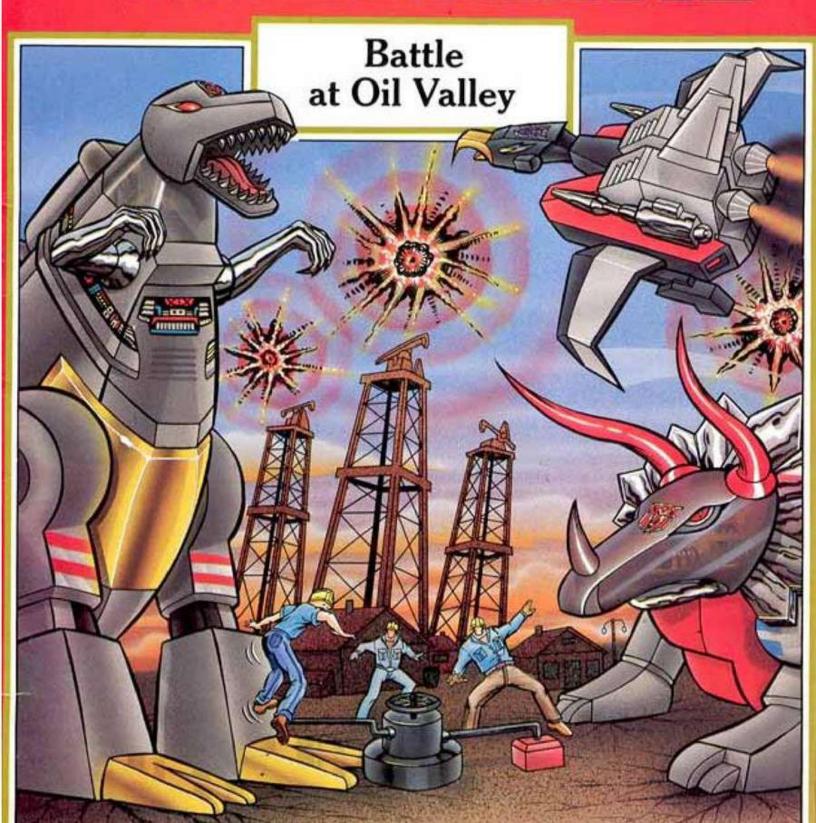


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## The Battle At Oil Valley

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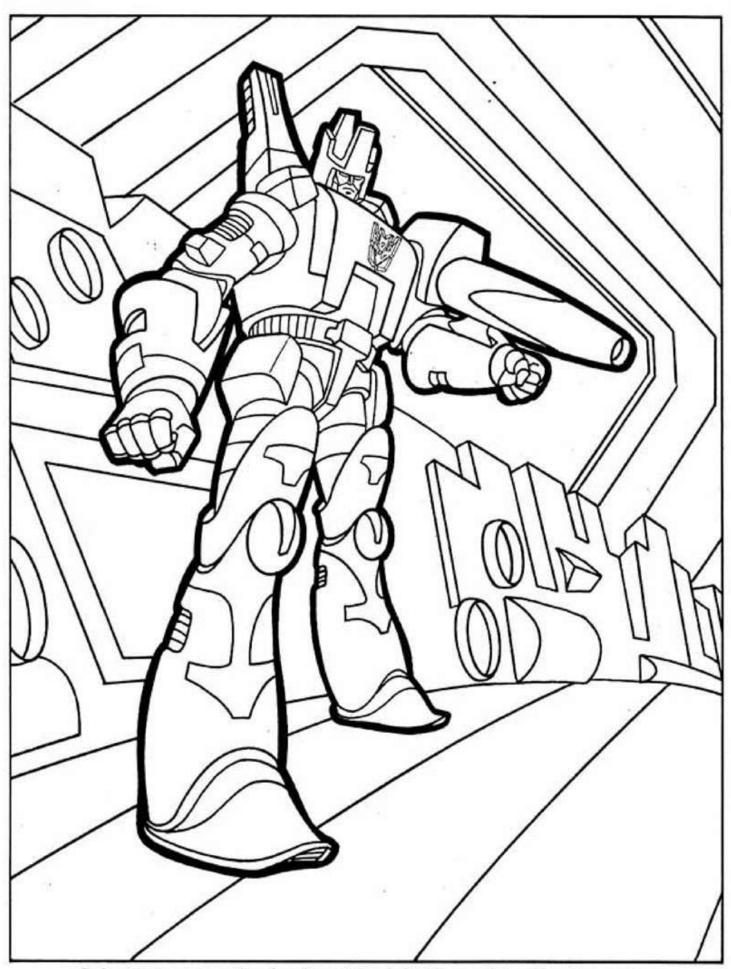


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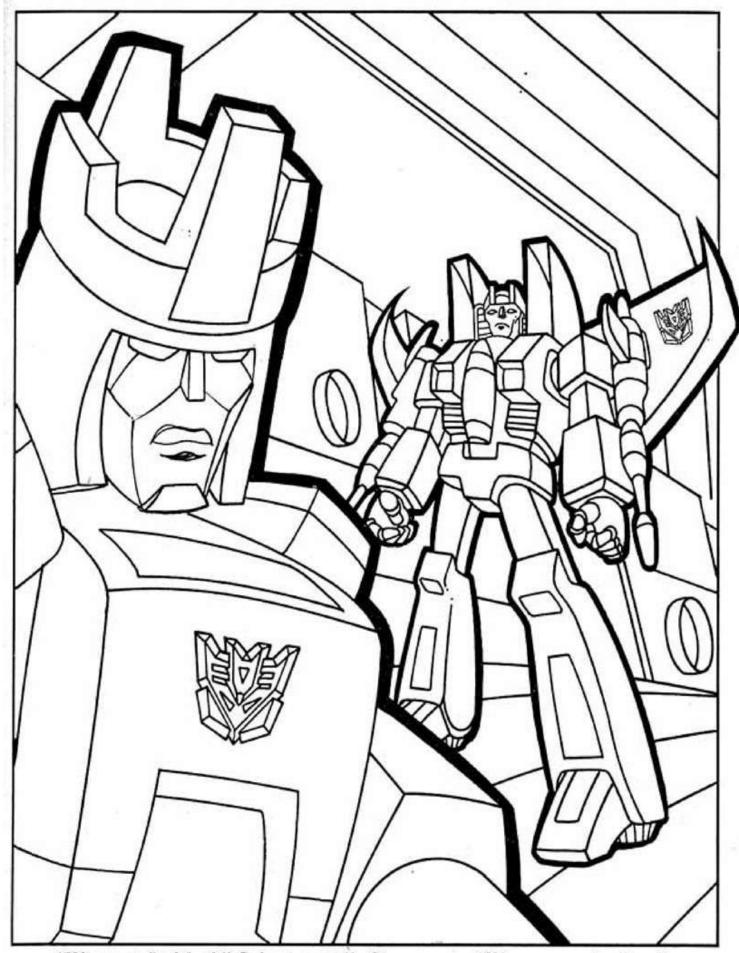


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Galvatron was pacing back and forth in Decepticon Headquarters.



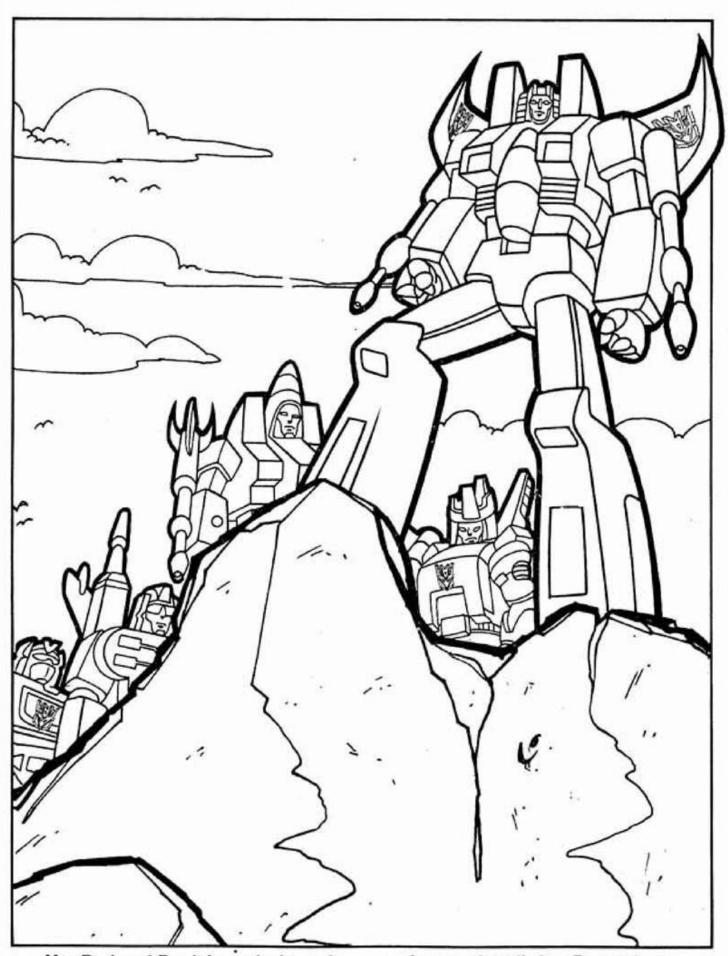
"We must find fuel," Galvatron tells Starscream. "We are running low."



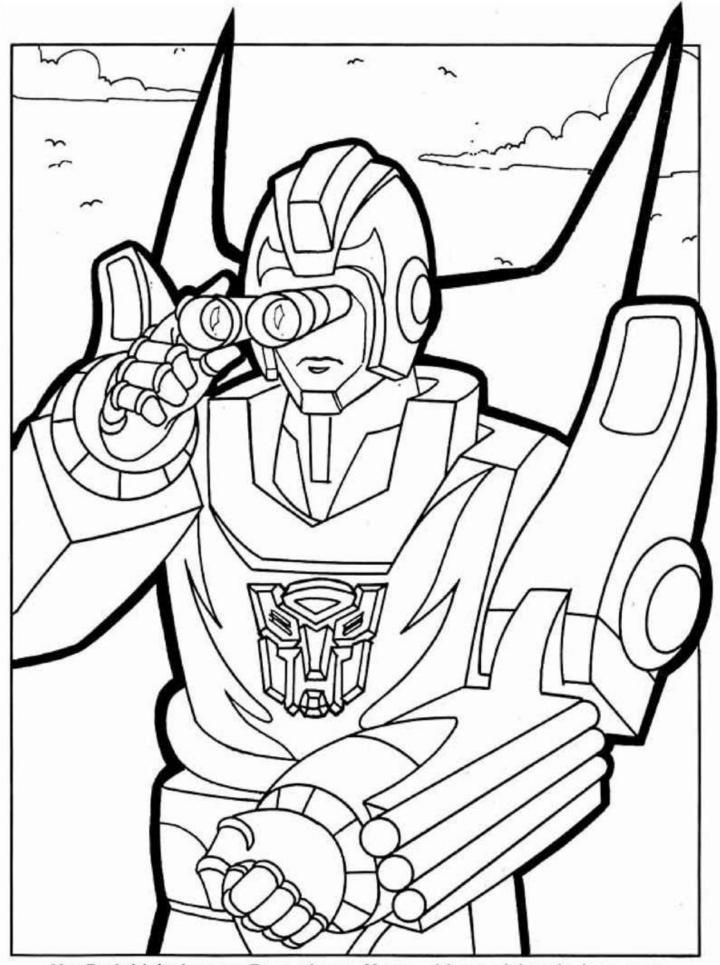
Meanwhile, Hot Rod is taking a ride with his friend Daniel.



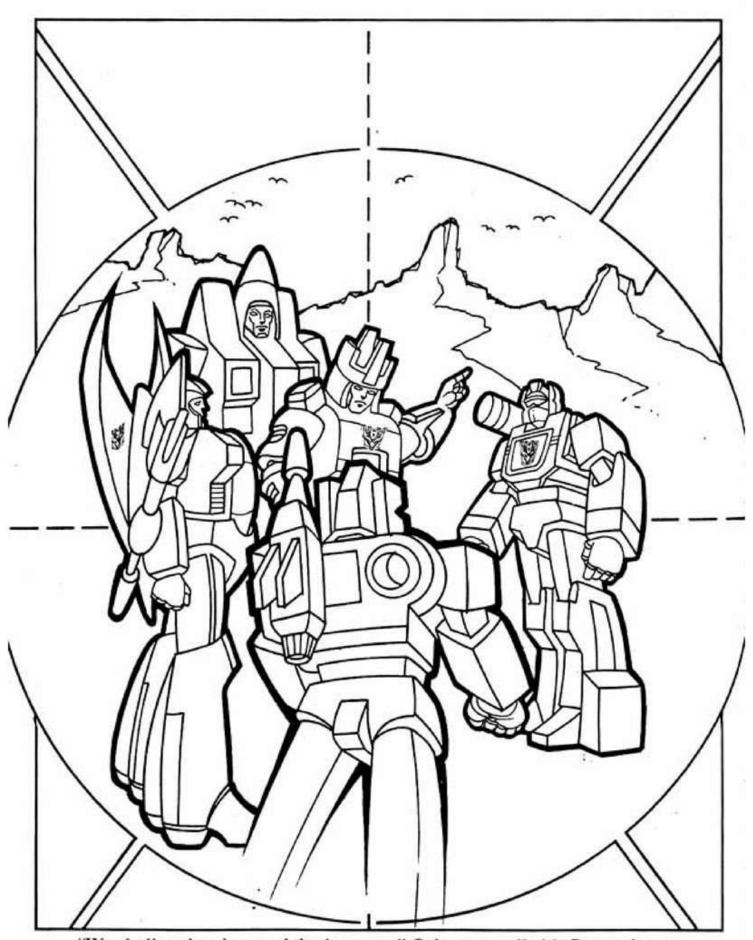
"Look at all those oil rigs in Oil Valley, Daniel," says Hot Rod, turning into his robot mode. "They're drilling for oil."



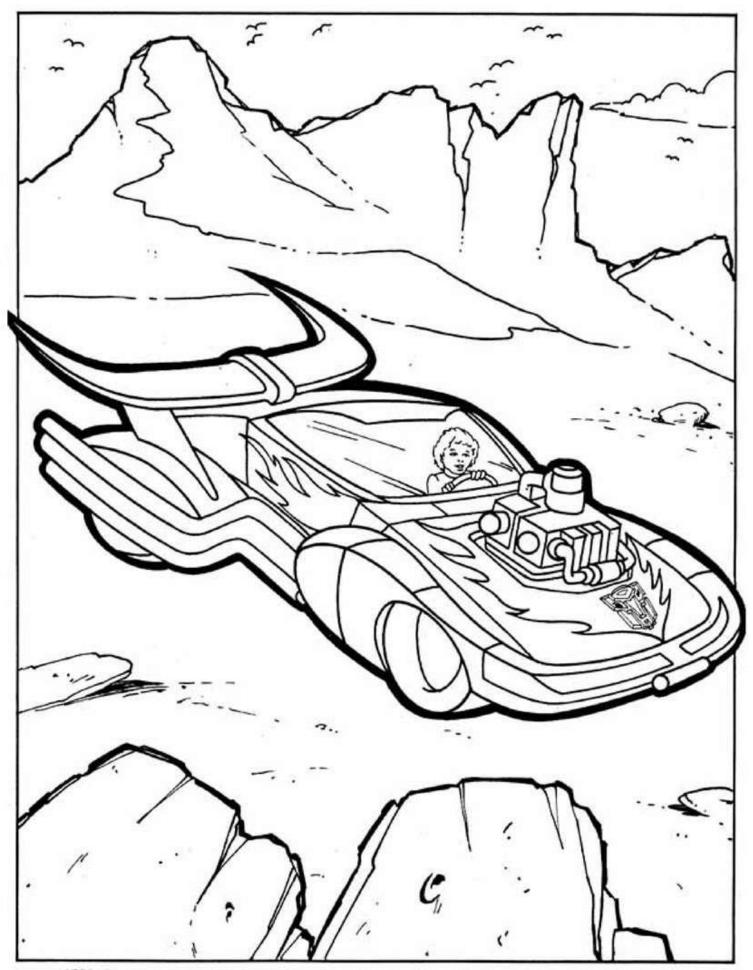
Hot Rod and Daniel aren't the only ones who see the oil rigs. Deceptions have spotted the drilling, too.



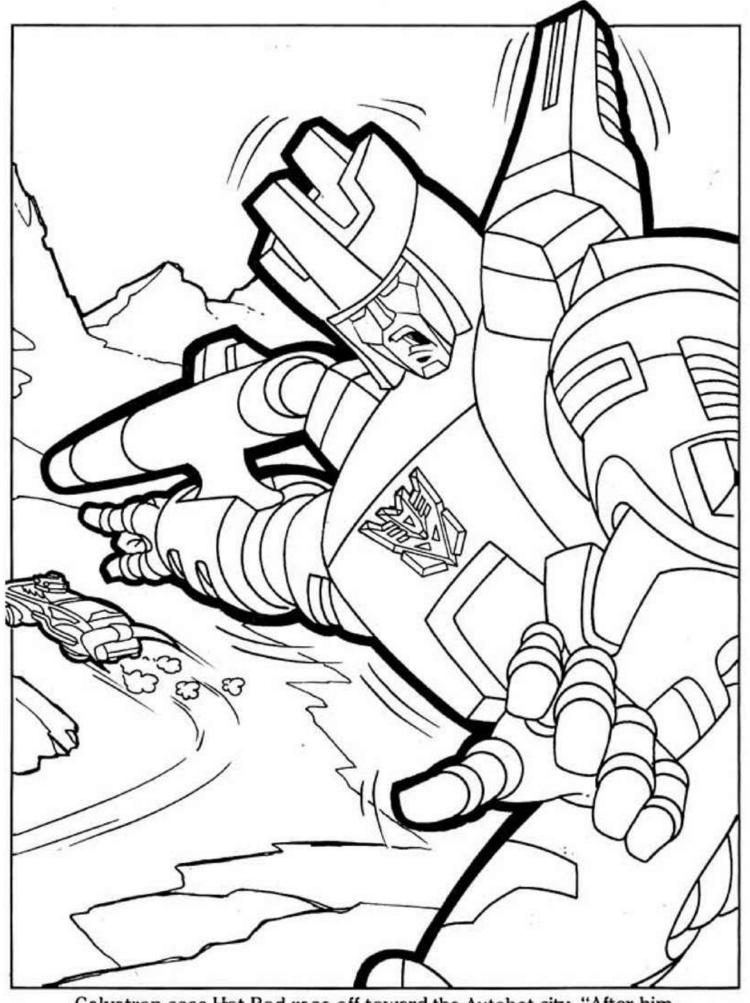
Hot Rod thinks he sees Decepticons. He uses his special optical sensors to take a better look.



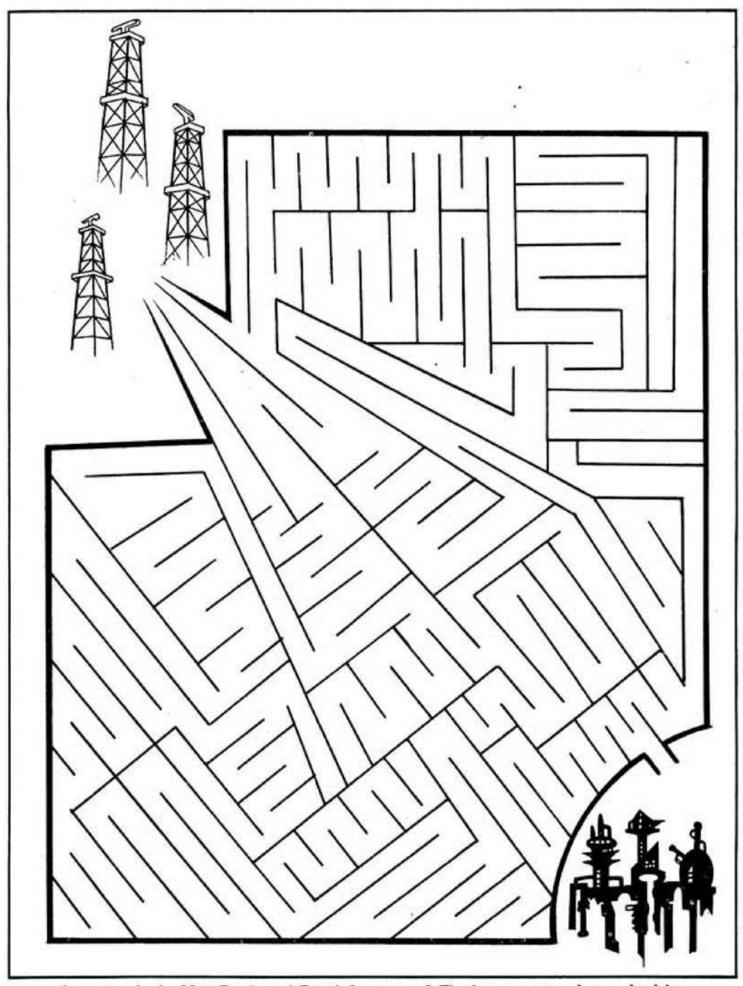
"We shall make slaves of the humans," Galvatron tells his Decepticons.
"We shall force them to drill oil for us!"



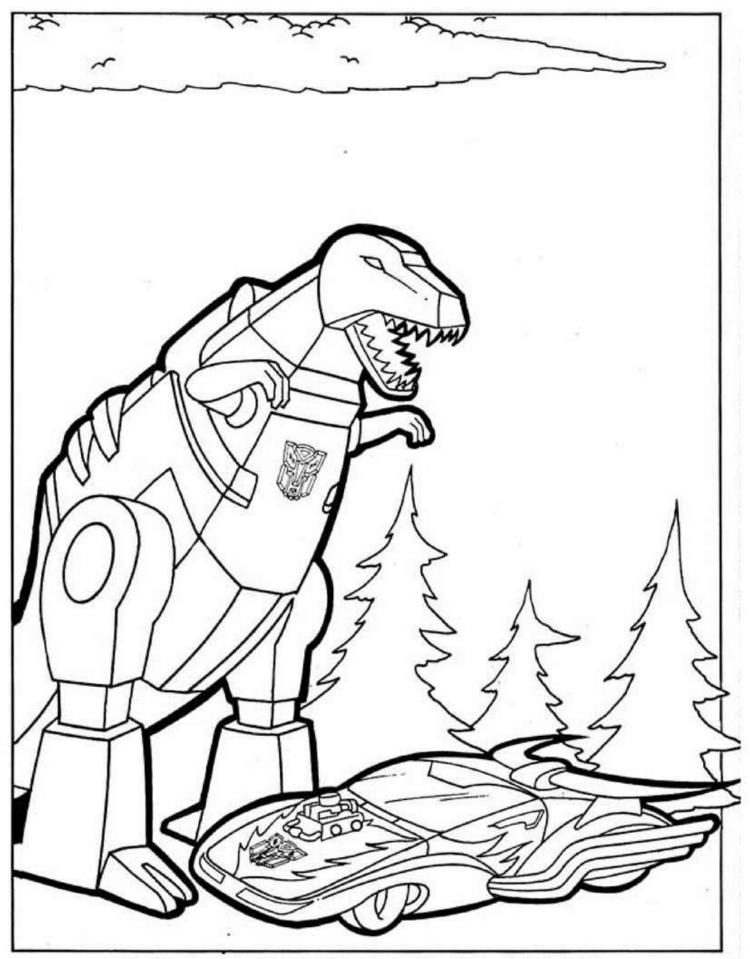
"We have to get back to Autobot City and get help. Those Deceptions must be after that oil," Hot Rod tells Daniel, as he transforms back into his auto mode.



Galvatron sees Hot Rod race off toward the Autobot city. "After him, Decepticons!" he orders.



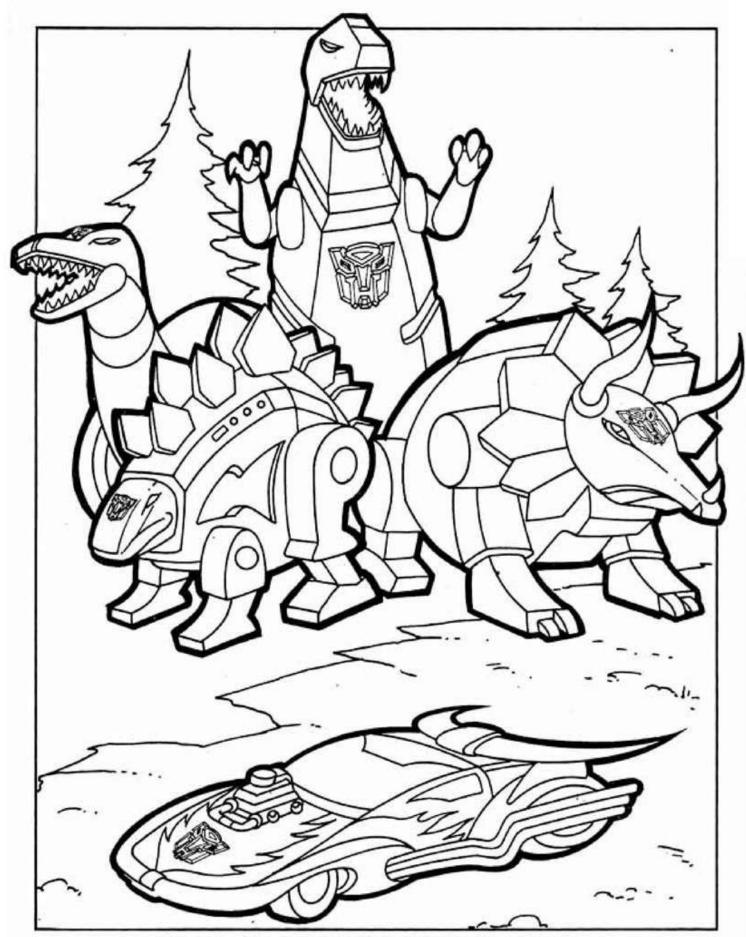
Can you help Hot Rod and Daniel escape? Find your way through this maze and back to the Autobot city.



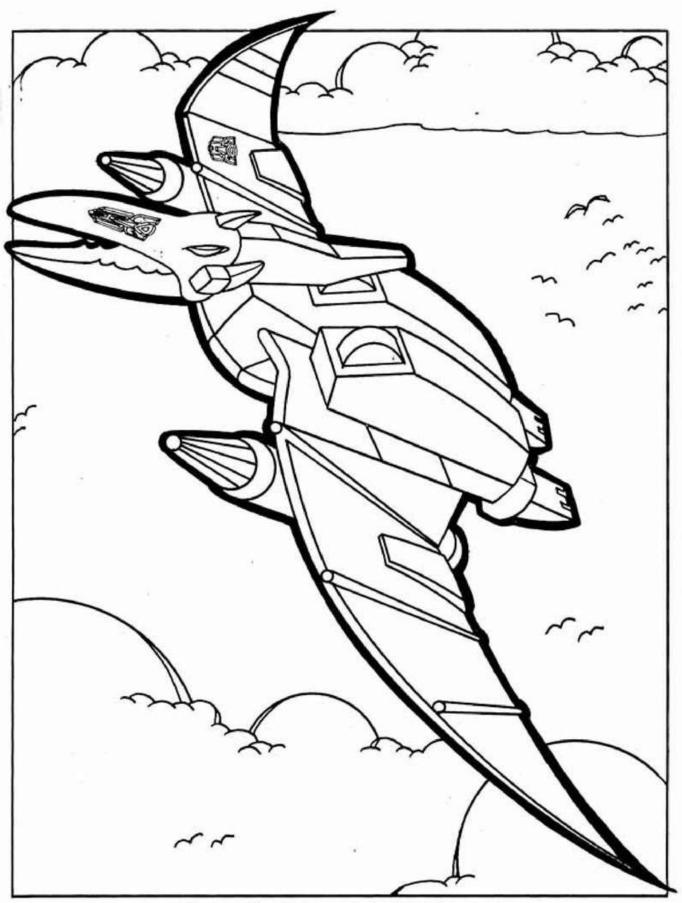
Hot Rod meets Grimlock just outside of the Autobot city.



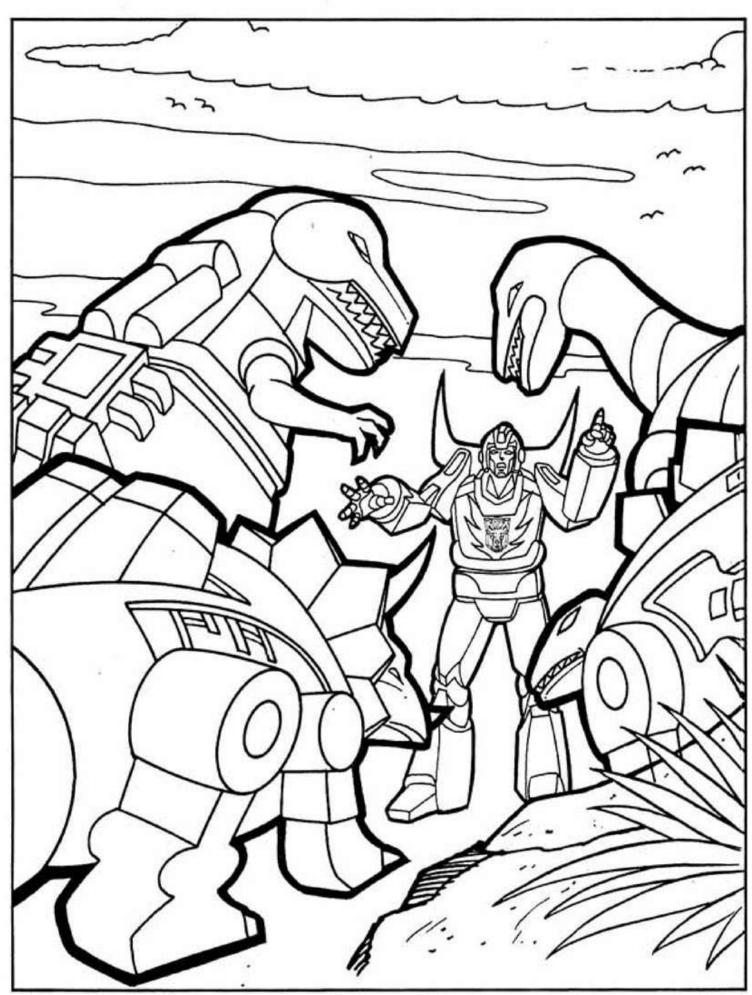
Grimlock is the leader of the mighty Dinobots. He's strong, but not too smart.



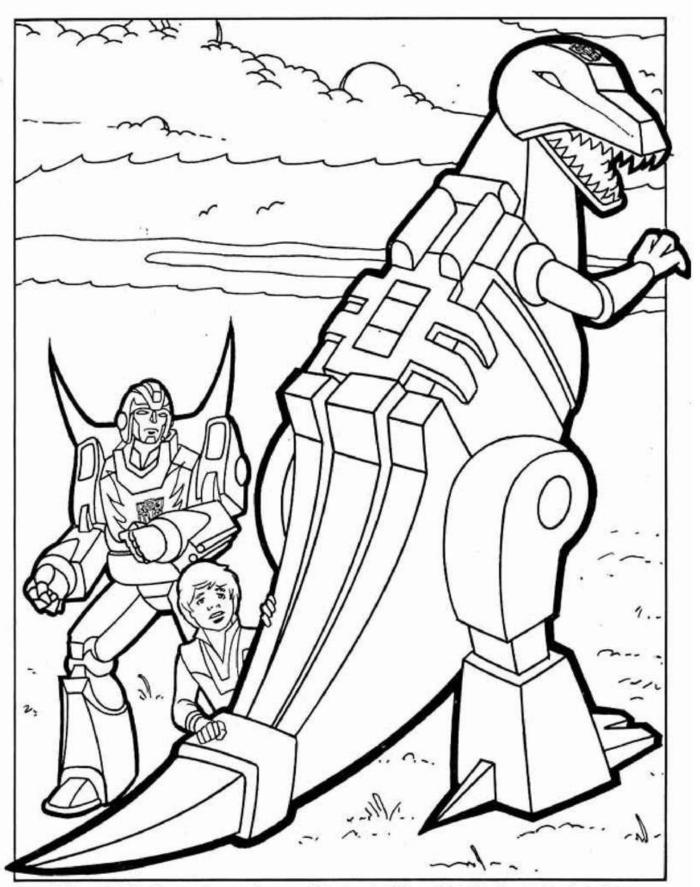
Slag joins fhem. He is followed by Snarl and Sludge.



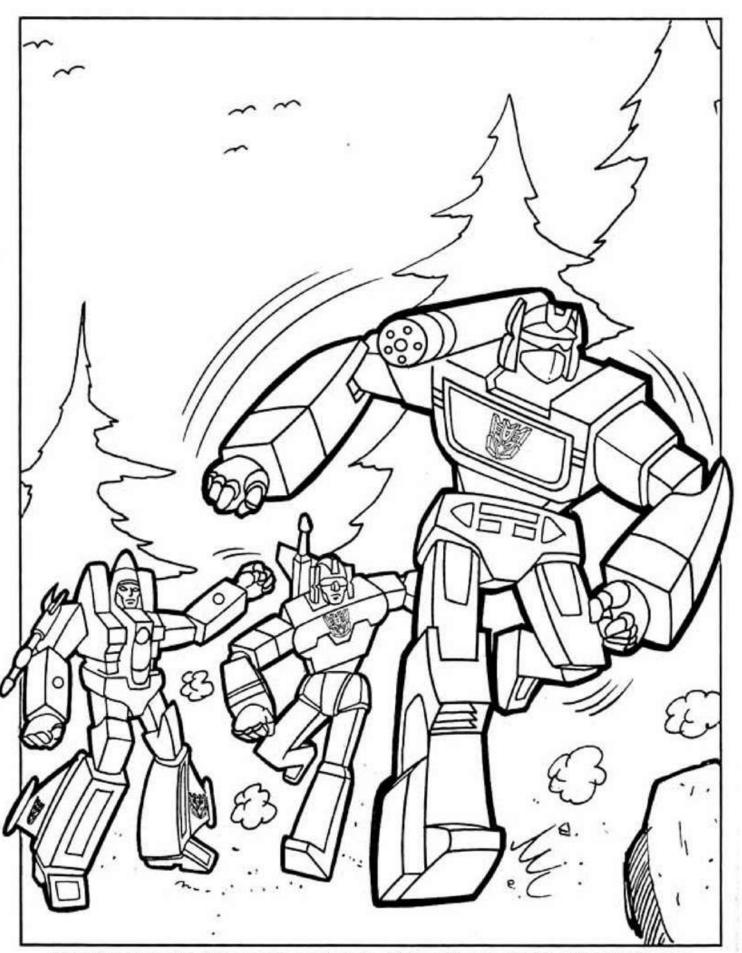
Swoop flies in to see what is going on.



Hot Rod transforms and tells the Dinobots what he saw.

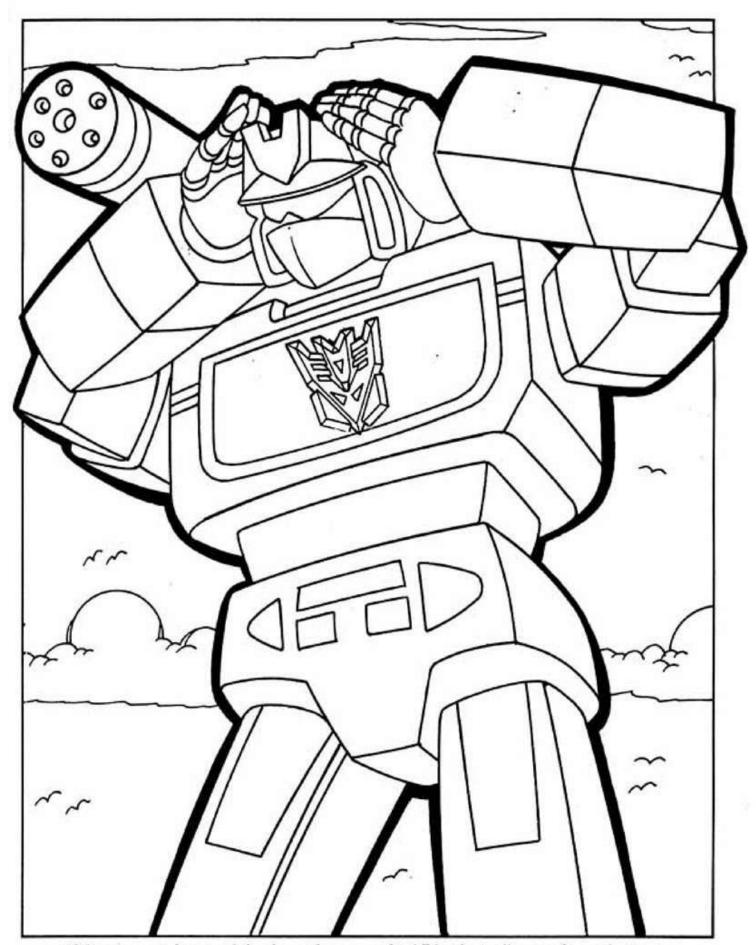


"We go fight Deceptions," says Grimlock. "You, Hot Rod, go get Autobot help." The Dinobots hurry to the oil drilling area.

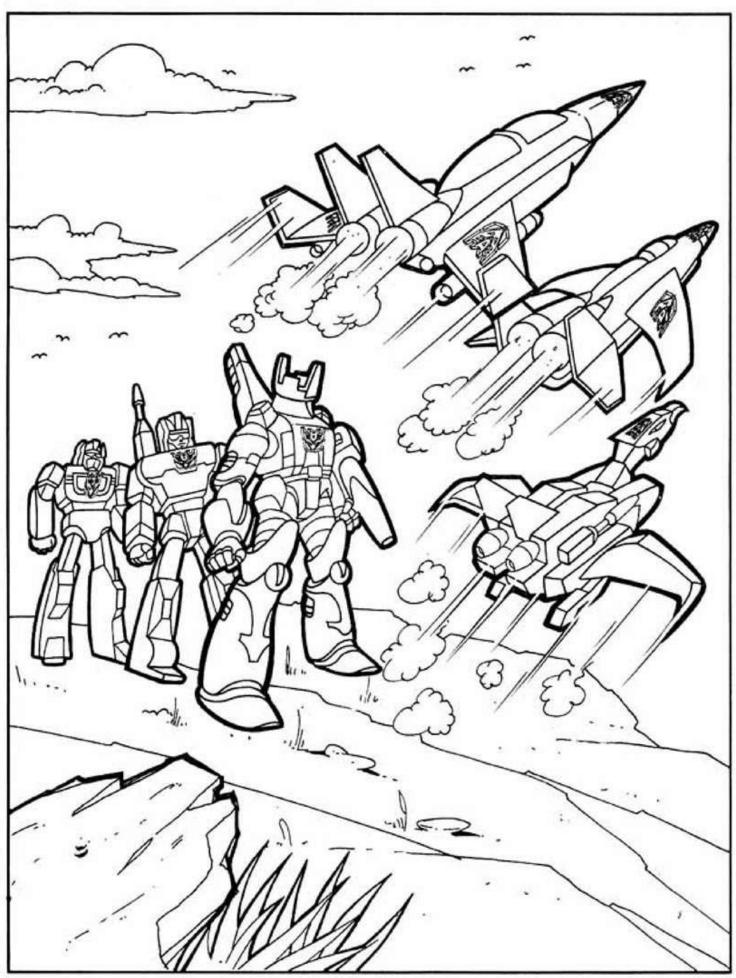


The Dinobots don't have to go far. The Decepticons are heading their way in pursuit of Hot Rod.

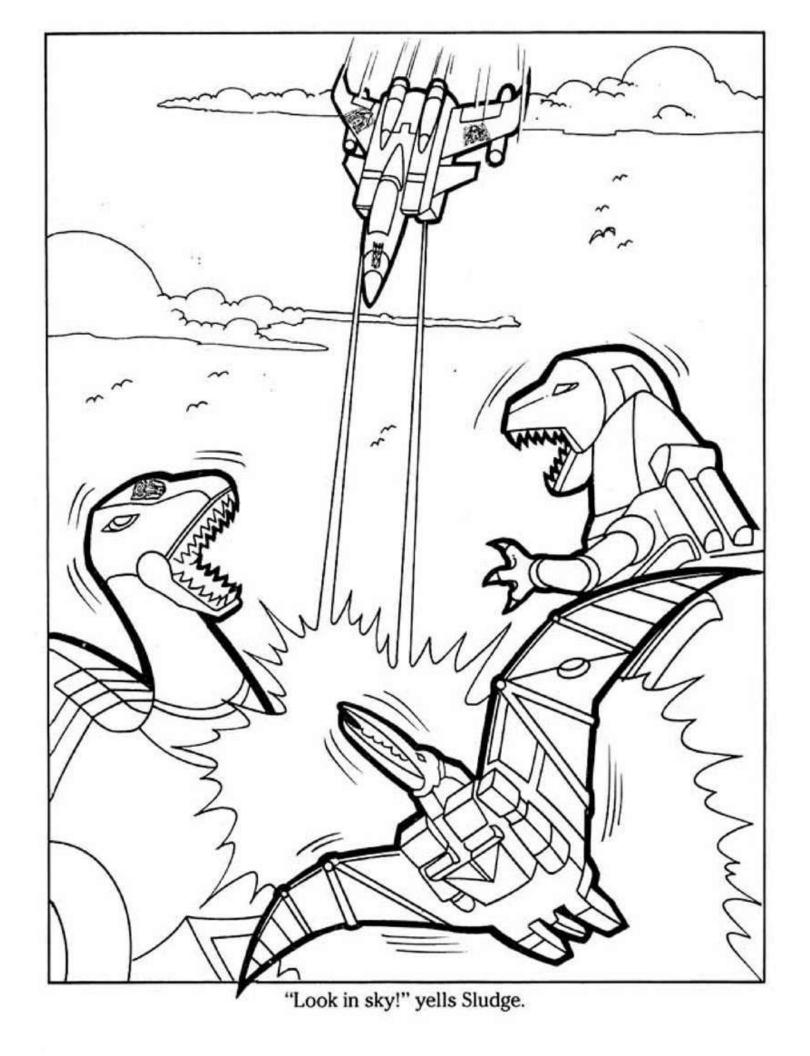
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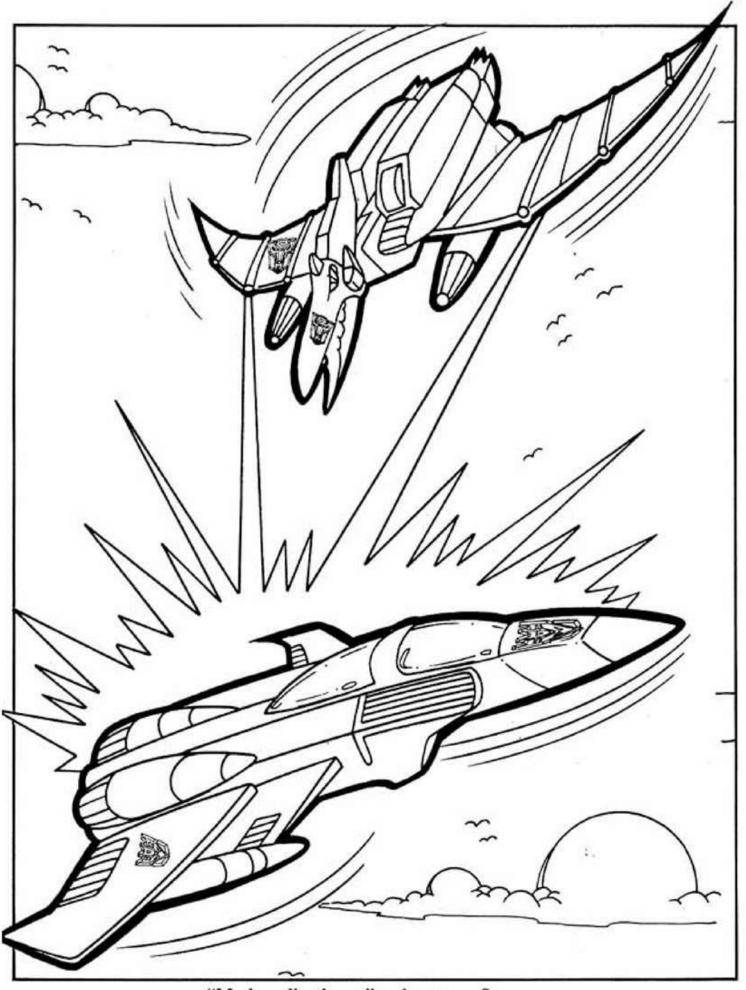


"My sensors have picked up the sound of Dinobots," says Soundwave.

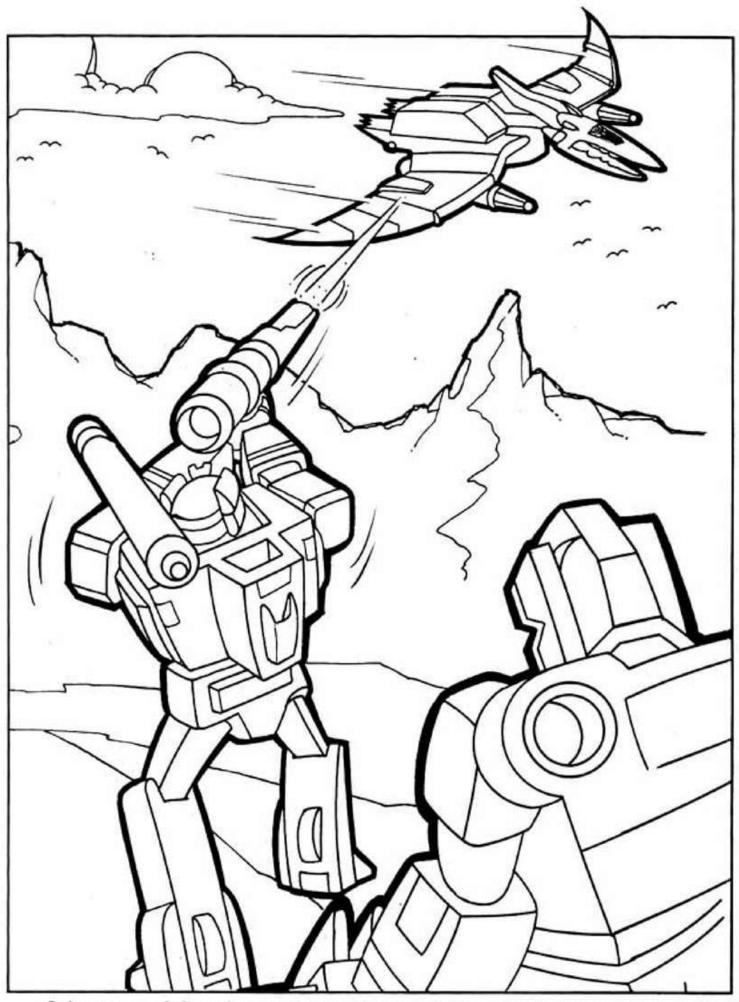


"We'll fly up ahead and take them by surprise," says Dirge. He and Starscream transform into jets and take off. Buzzsaw joins them.

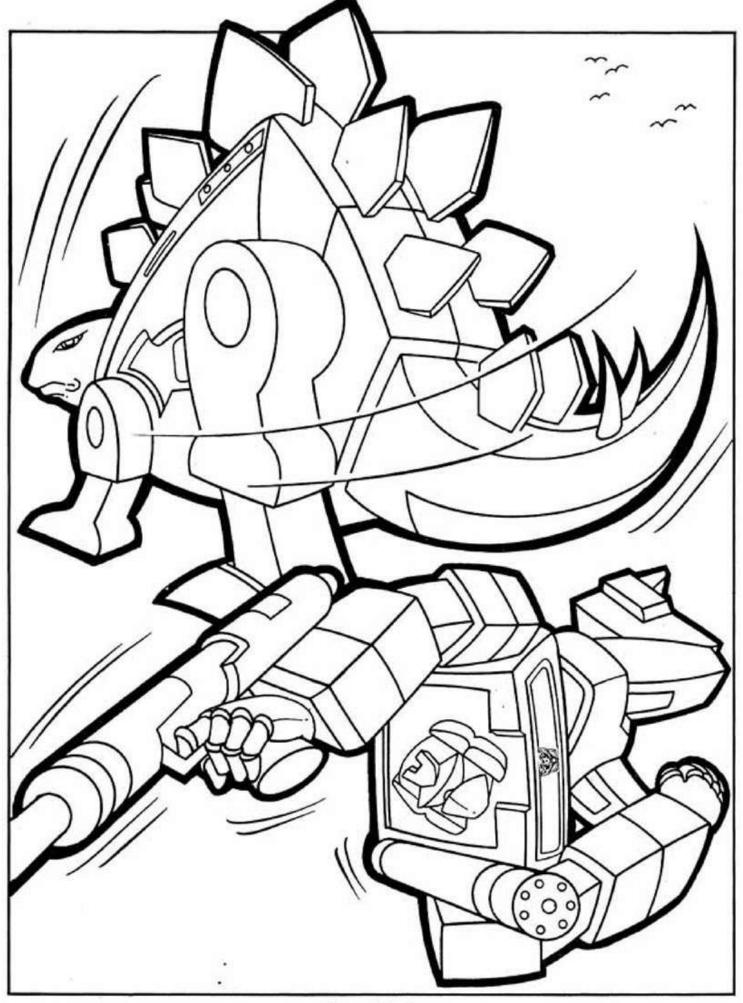




"Me handle them," volunteers Swoop.



Galvatron and the others arrive on the scene. Soundwave fires on Swoop, trying to knock him out of the air.



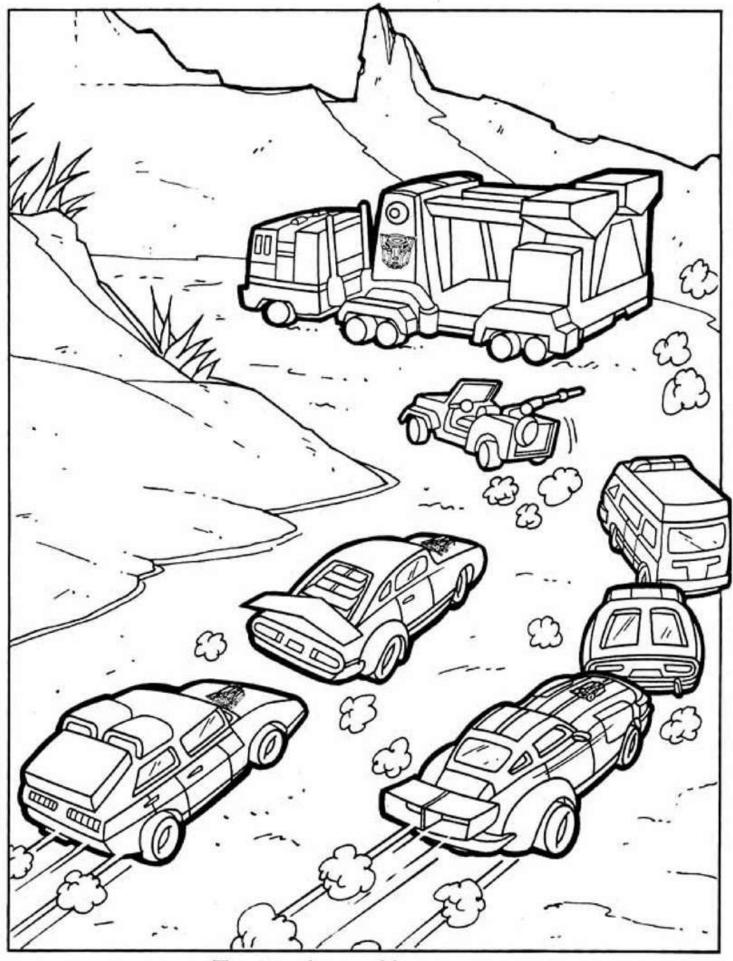
"Snarl fix."



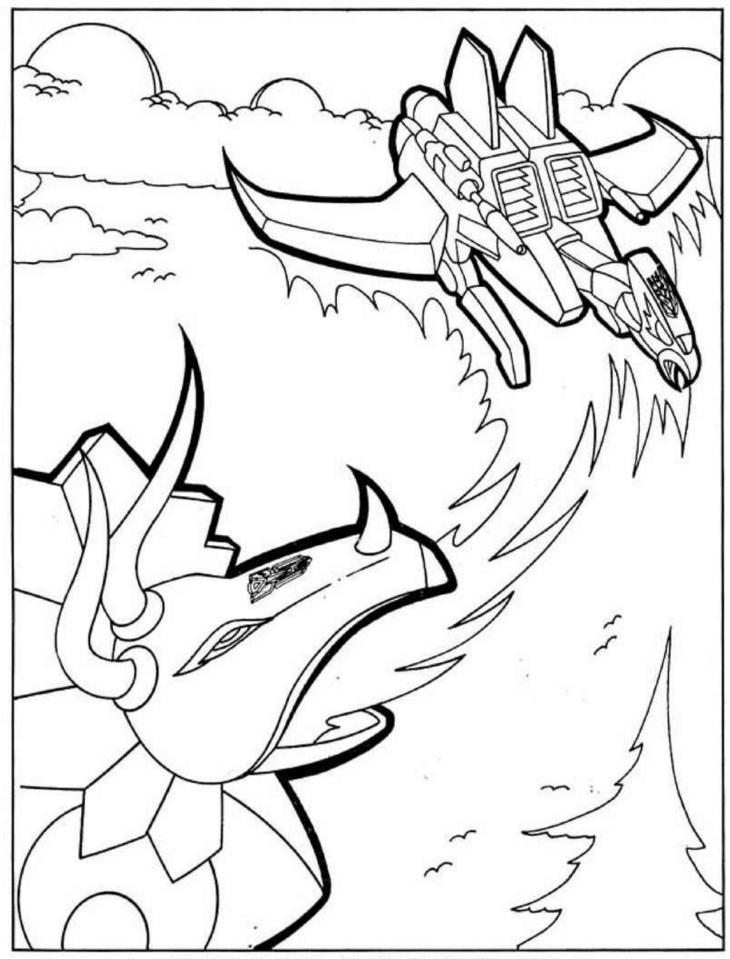
When Hot Rod and Daniel arrive in the Autobot city they run to find Ultra Magnus.



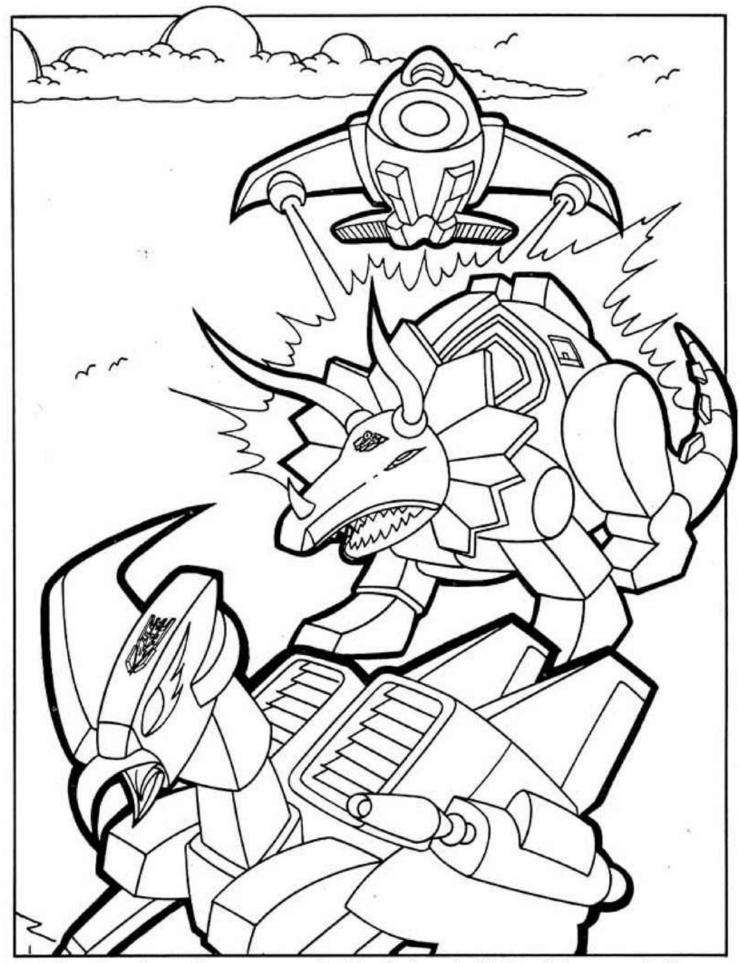
Ultra Magnus gathers a force to go out and help the Dinobots.



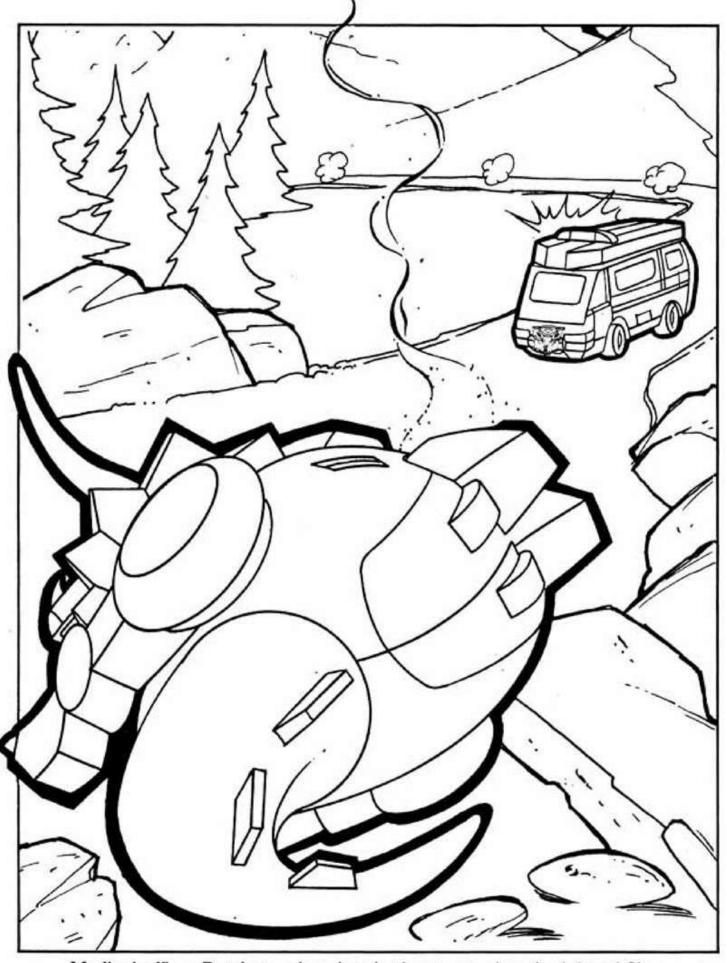
They transform and form a convoy.



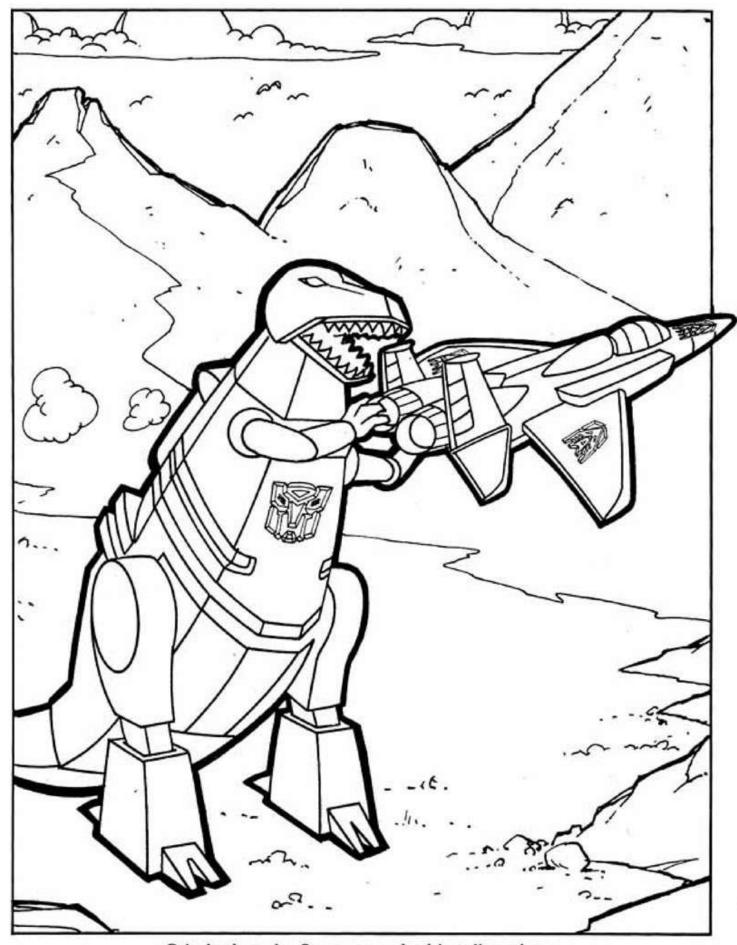
Back at the battle, Slag is chasing Buzzsaw.



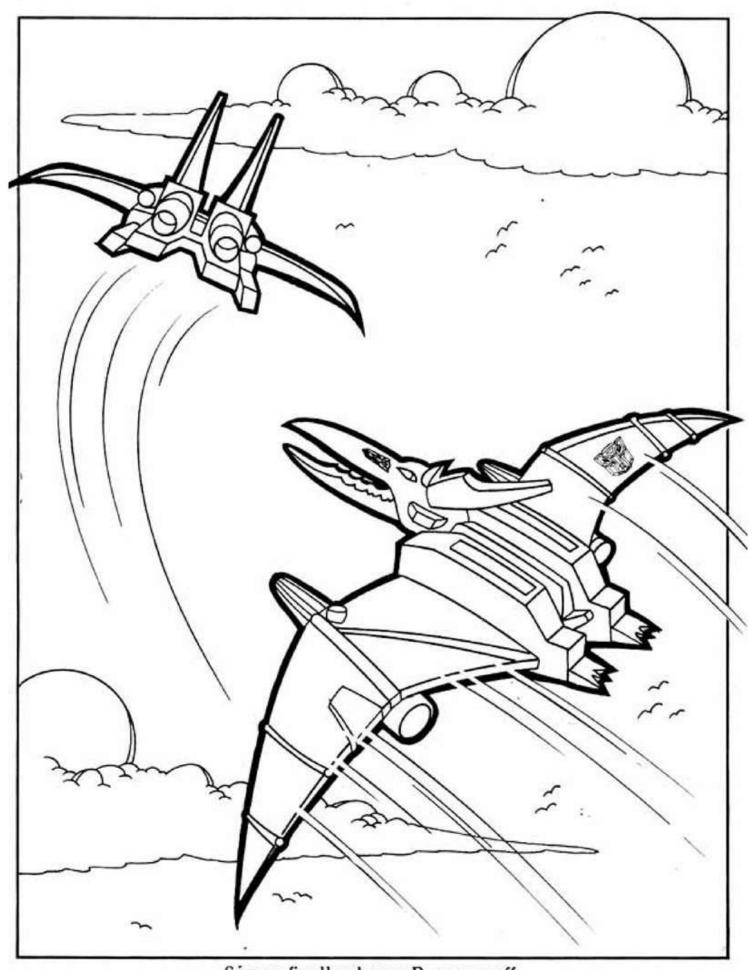
Slag doesn't see Starscream as he flies in from behind and drops a missile.



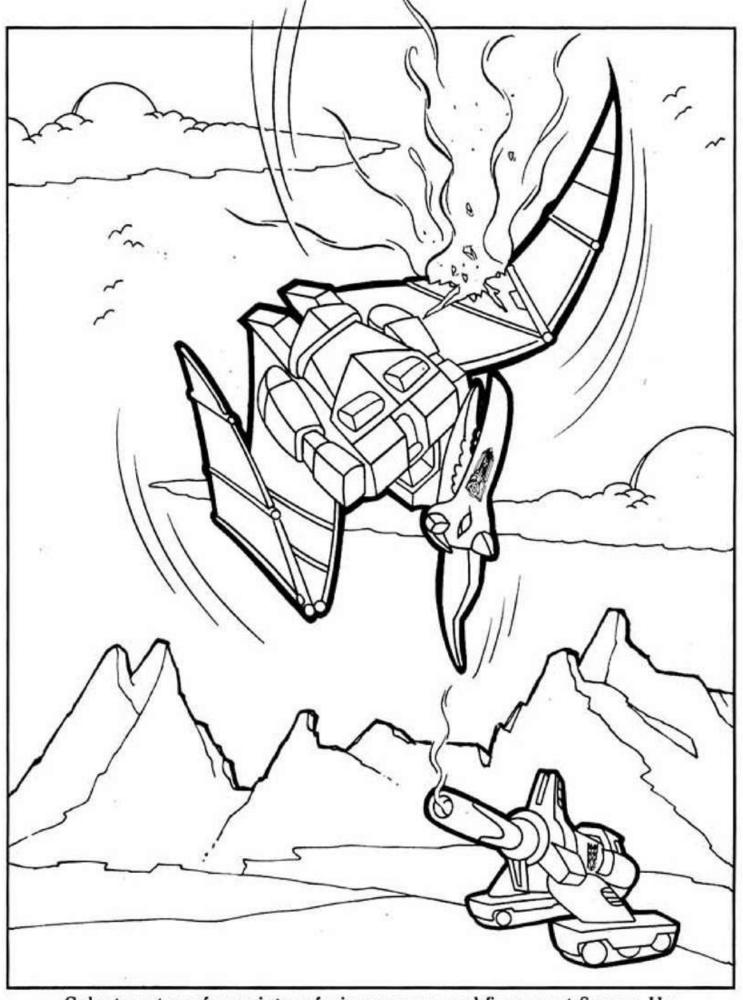
Medical officer Ratchet arrives just in time to tend to the injured Slag.



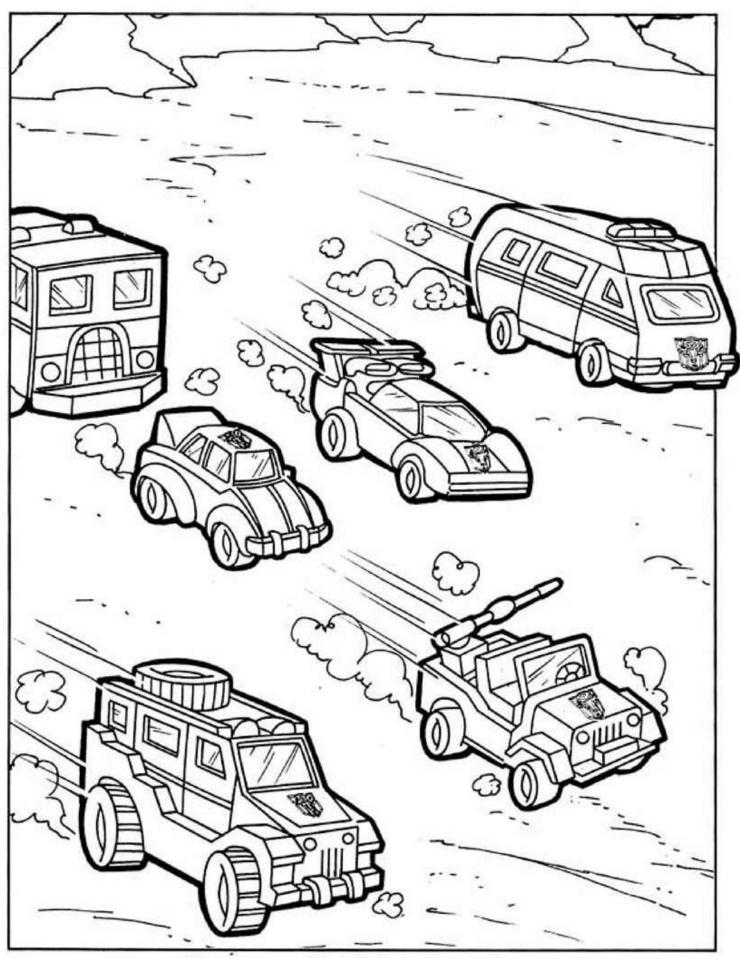
Grimlock grabs Starscream by his tail engines.



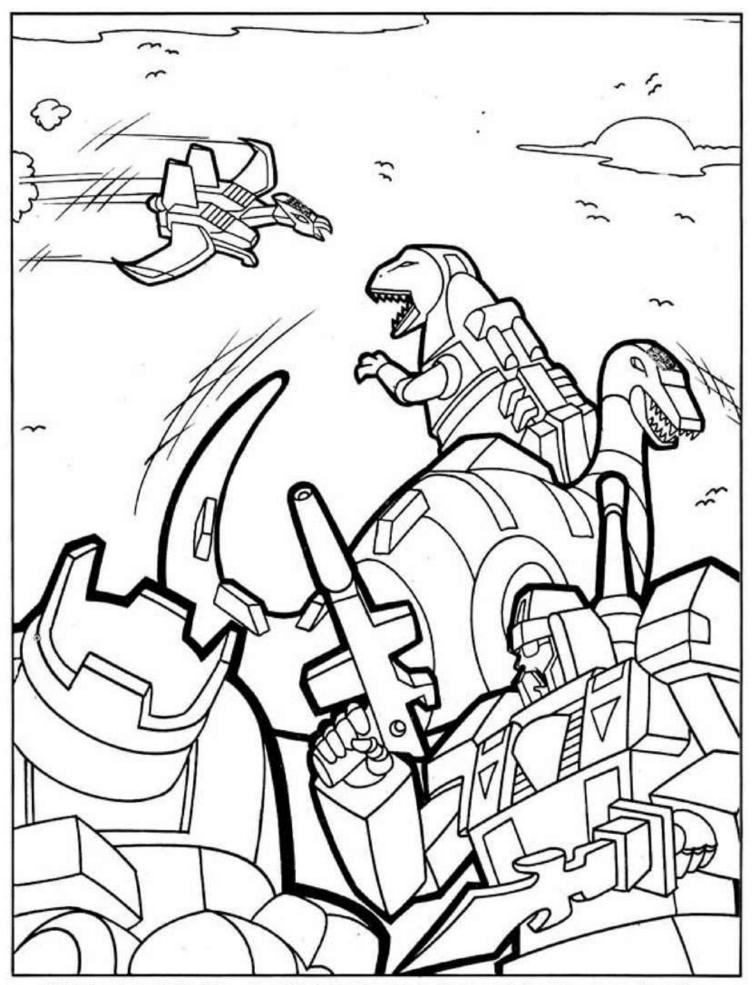
Swoop finally chases Buzzsaw off.



Galvatron transforms into a fusion cannon and fires up at Swoop. He misses but Swoop's wing is injured in the blast.



The convoy of Autobots is almost there.



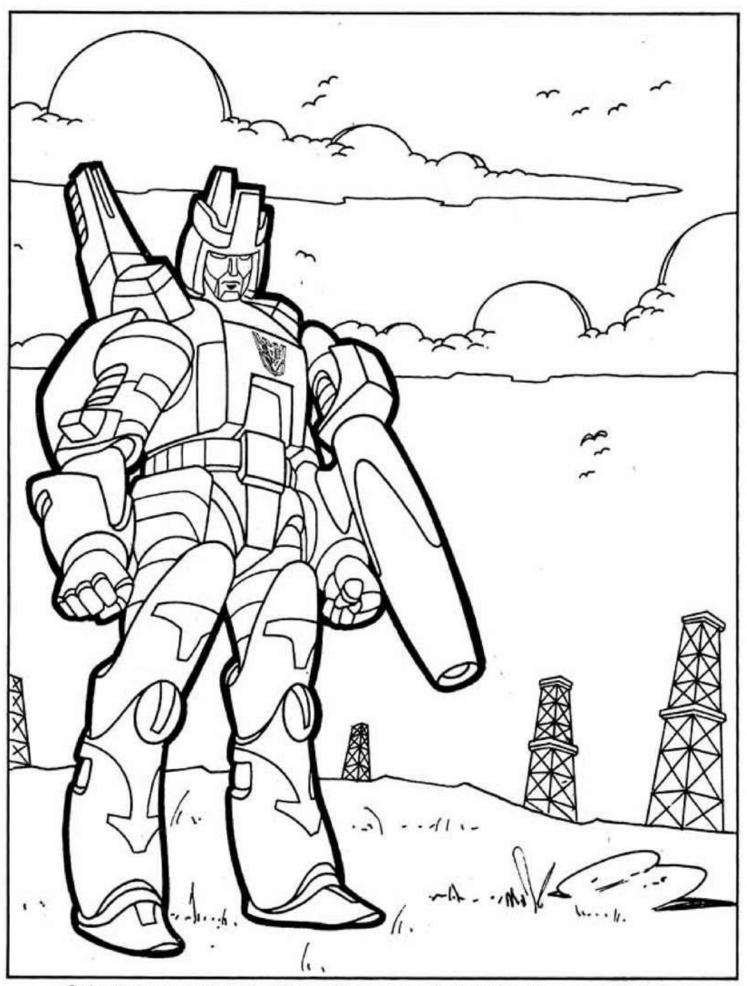
Grimlock and Sludge are still standing, but they can't hold out against the Deception reinforcements that arrive.



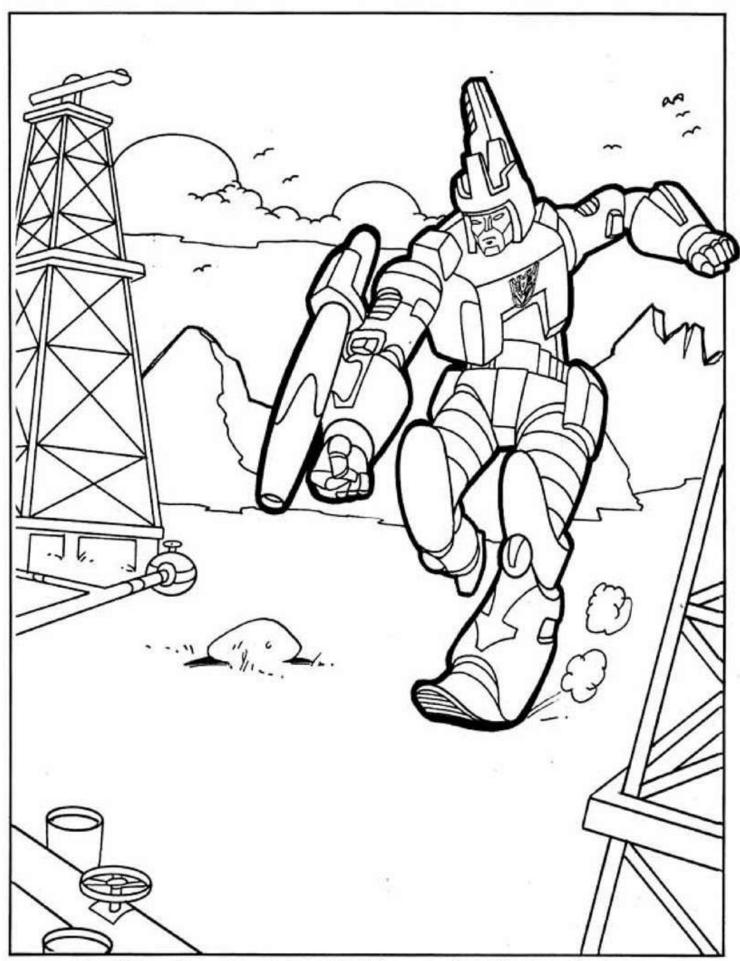
The Autobot convoy arrives just in time. The battle is on.



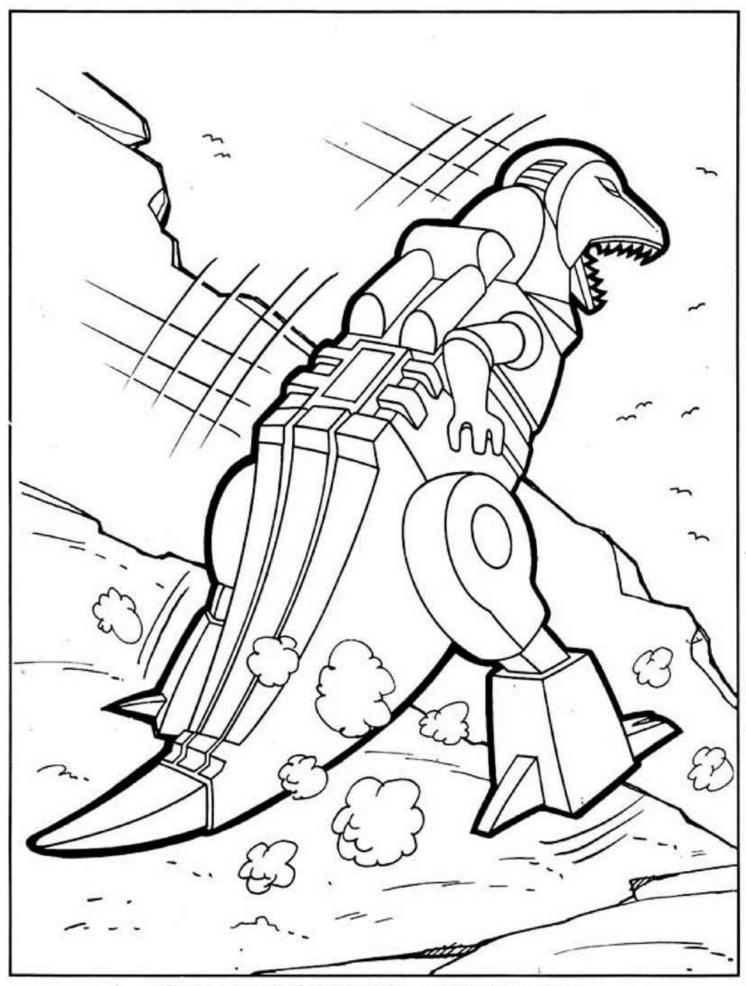
The workers on the oil rig climb up out of the valley to see what is causing the earth around them to shake. They can't believe their eyes when they see this awesome battle.



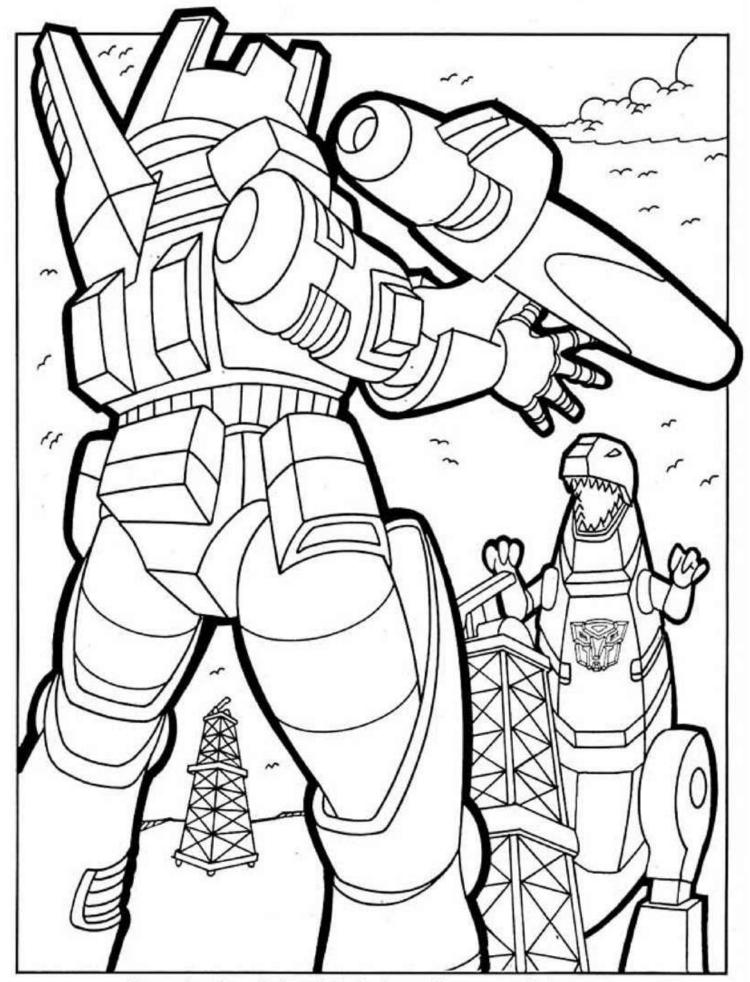
Galvatron sees that the Decepticons are losing. He also sees that the humans are all away from the oil, watching the battle.



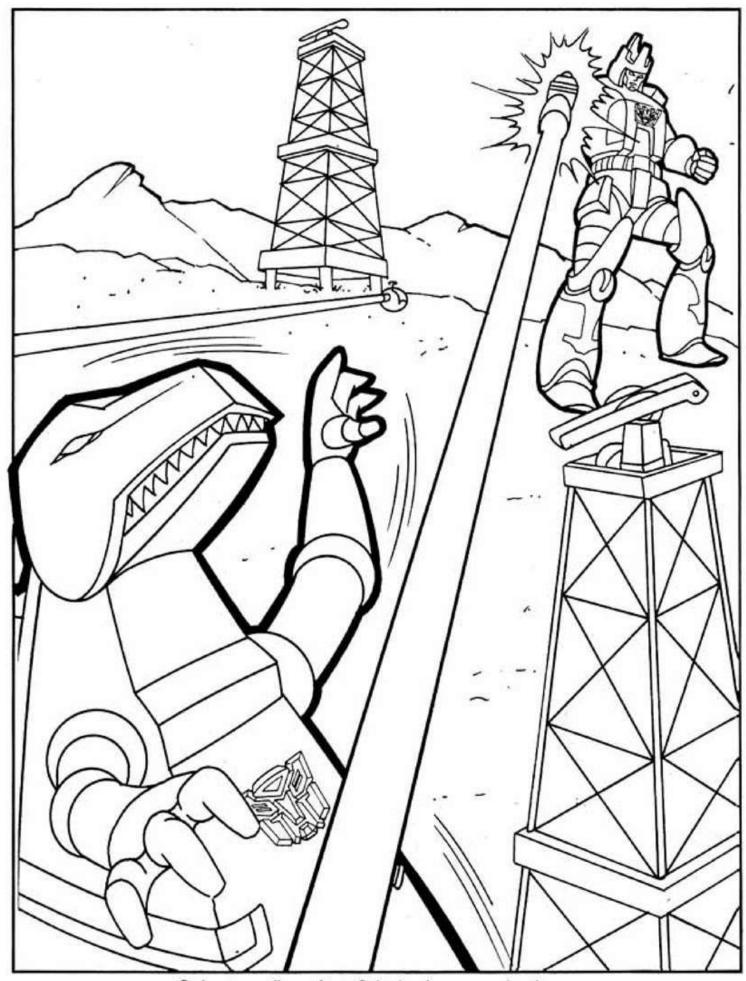
"I will run down to get that oil all for myself while the others are distracted," Galvatron decides.



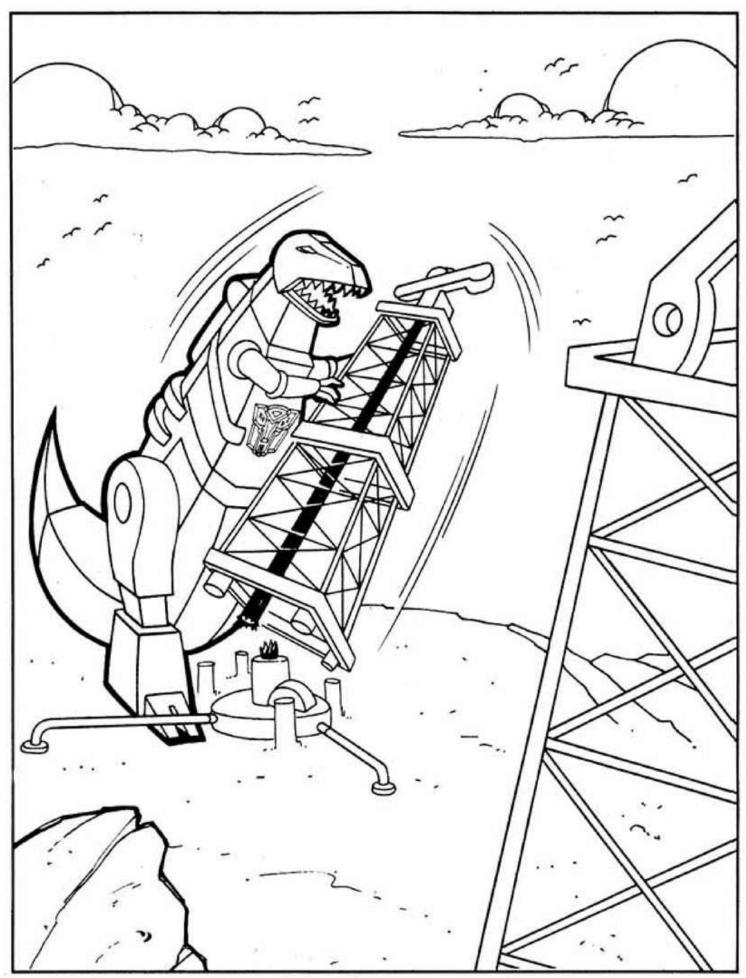
Grimlock sees Galvatron leave and chases him.



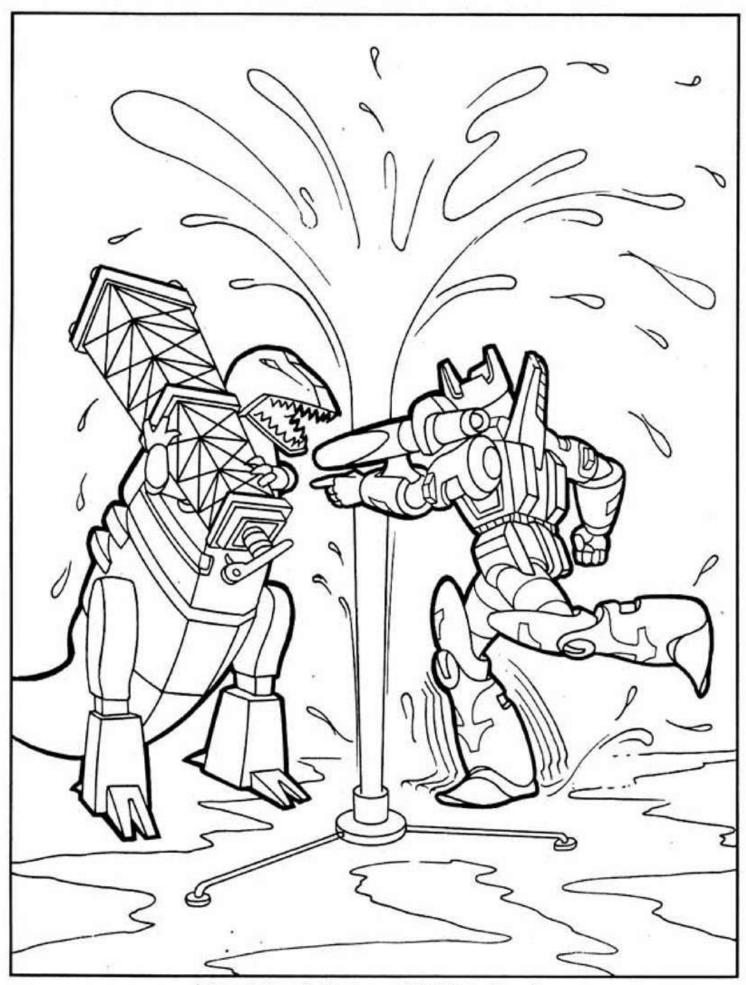
Down by the oil rigs, Grimlock catches up to Galvatron.



Galvatron fires, but Grimlock moves in time.



Grimlock rips off the top of the oil rigging tower and uses it as a weapon.

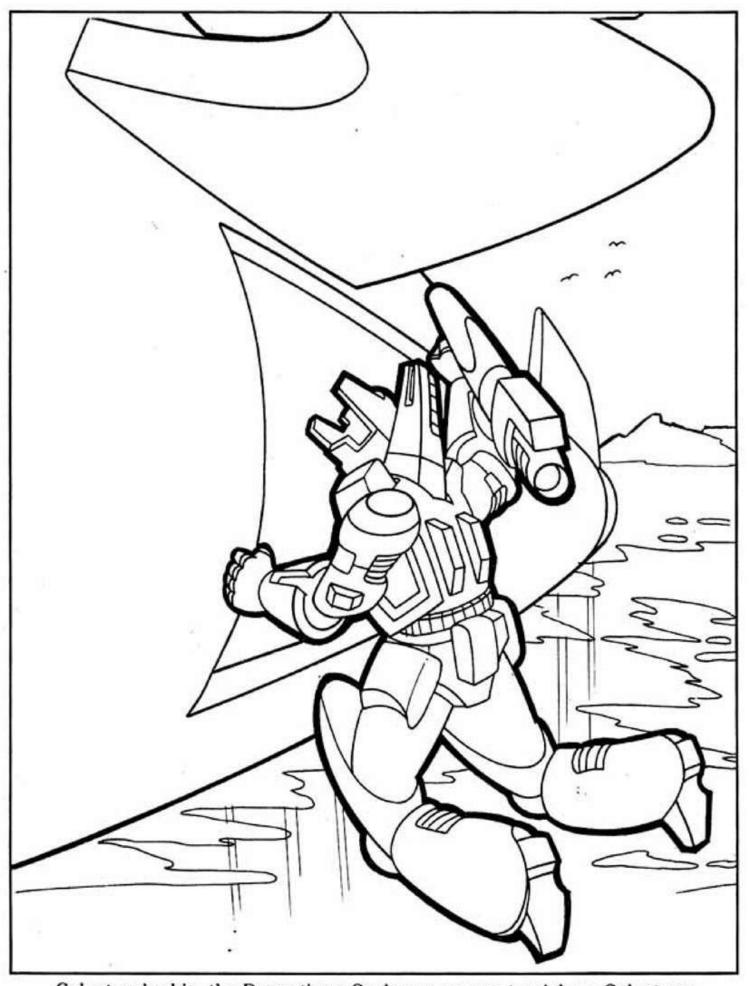


A fountain of oil sprays high into the air.

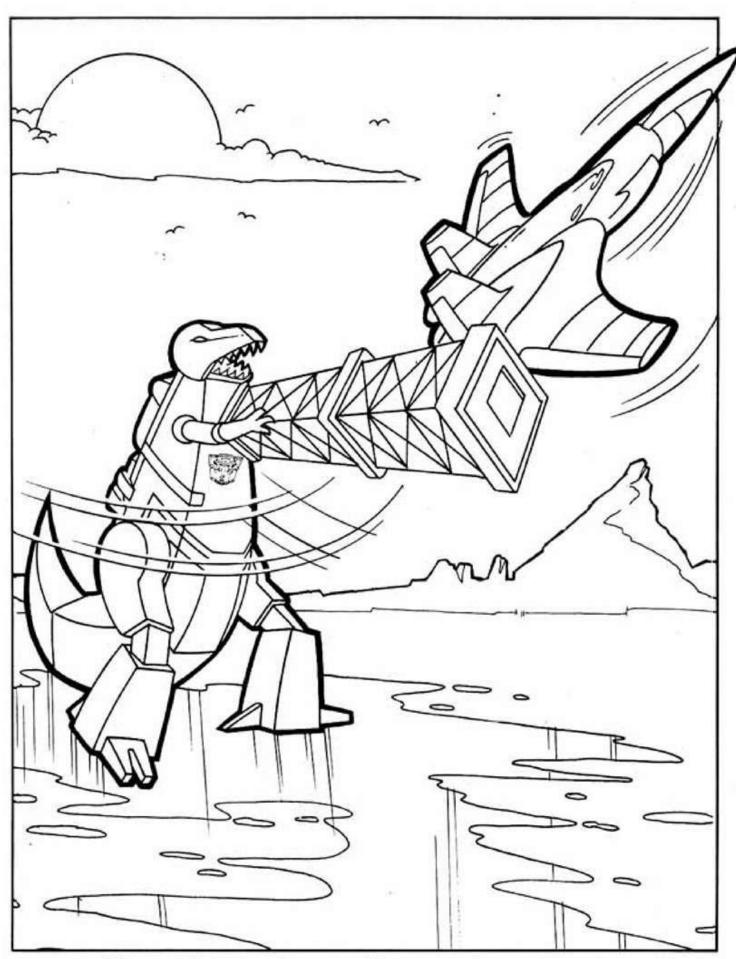


Grimlock knocks Galvatron right into the oil with the top of the oil tower.

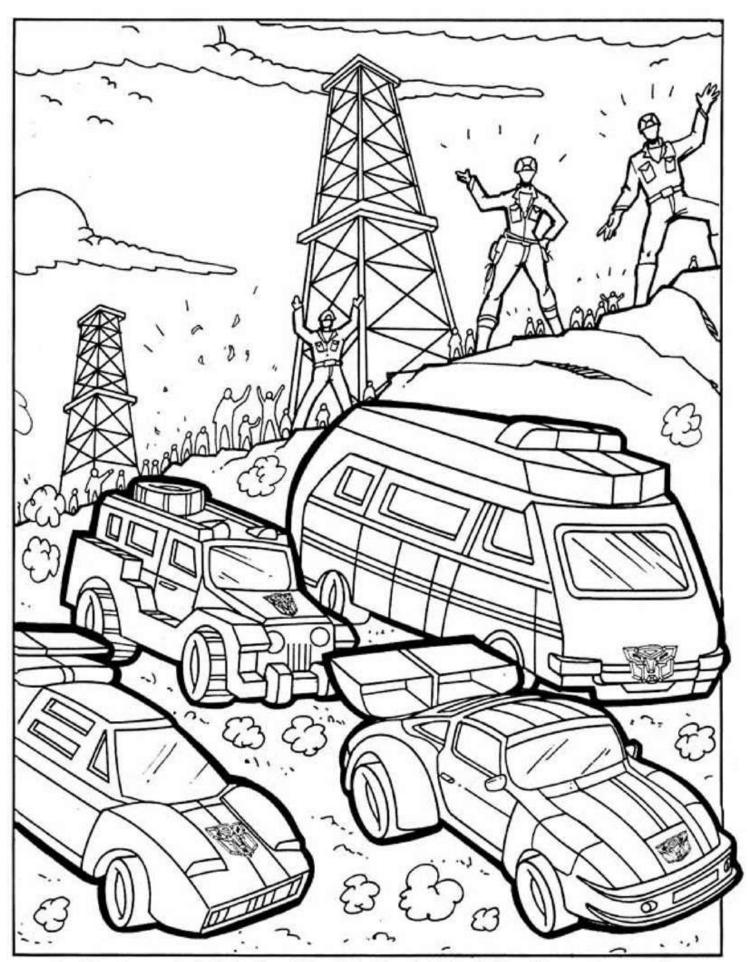
Galvatron keeps slipping and can't get up.



Galvatron's ship, the Decepticon Cyclonus, comes to pick up Galvatron.



Galvatron flies away, but not without a parting good-bye shot from Grimlock.



As the weary Autobots head back to the Autobot city, they get a rousing cheer from the oil workers!